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By order of the Cominform, KOPLENIG had a long conference with POMERACZ, town mayor of BUDAPEST, in NIGHTSKALON on 3 August 1949. From this conference it became known in the Central Committee that during the election period, Hungarian workers battalions will be stationed along the Hungarian-Austrian border.

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a. During the election period, Soviet military posts will be reinforced by troops from Hungary. Czechoslovakia will also concentrate large troop units along the Austrian border. These measures are taken to separate the Soviet Zone of Austria from the rest of Austria in case the Austrian government takes violent action against the Communist Party of Austria and leftist Socialists. The Soviet element will, at any rate, take action against any oppression of the Communist Party of Austria and leftist Socialists.

b. [ ] the Central Committee are waiting for the Austrian government in Lower Austria to take action during the election period. This would mean the signal for intervention by the Allies. The Soviet Occupation Power and the Cominform expect bloody riots to occur during the election period. All komendatury of the Soviet Occupation Power are issued weapons to arm factory police units if the occasion arises. Soviet specialists in subversive activities will arrive at the time of the elections and secretly direct

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District boards of the Communist Party of Austria in various regions of Lower Austria. Oskar, Communist Vice President of Police in Vienna, was ordered to post Communist police members (most of them secret members of the Communist Party of Austria) at certain places (such as radio stations, post offices, banks and government buildings).

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